

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 17, 2005
TO: Education Appropriations Subcommittee

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FROM: Gene Gardner
SUBJECT: Brief Facts re Community Colleges of Iowa

On behalf of the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees, I wish to express our appreciation to both current and past members of this committee for your continued interest and support of the Community Colleges of Iowa. In the following paragraphs, you will find outlined a few important facts and figures relating to community college enrollments, funding support, and current legislative askings.

Fall Term Enrollments (Full and Part Time, Unduplicated)

Credit – Fall 2000 (FY 2001)	65,836
Credit – Fall 2004 (FY 2005)	81,803
Enrollment Growth Fall 2000 to Fall 2004	15,967 or 25%

Fall Term Credit Hours Generated

Fall 2000 (FY 2001)	646,423
Fall 2004 (FY 2004)	797,692
Credit Hour Growth	151,269 or 24%

General State Aid Per Iowa Student

FY 2001	\$2,391.00
FY 2005 (estimated)	\$1,809.00

General State Aid Per Iowa Student -\$582.00
(Reference Legislative Fiscal Bureau Reports-As Attached)

General Fund Property Tax Support Per Iowa Student

FY 2001	\$289.00
FY 2005 (estimated)	\$247.00

General Fund Property Tax Support
Per Iowa Student -\$42.00
(Reference Legislative Fiscal Bureau Reports-As Attached)

Reduction of Support Per Iowa Student

Total Reduction of General State Aid
and Property Tax Per Iowa Student -\$624.00
(Not Adjusted for Inflation)

The Iowa Association of community College Trustees Legislative Askings for the current session are as follows:

- The Community College asking for additional state aid is \$7.8 Million. A general state aid appropriation increase in the amount of \$7.8 Million would return the state aid to the level of the 2001 fiscal year appropriations.
- We recommend that the legislative and administrative branches of Iowa government provide the community colleges of Iowa greater flexibility in raising operating funds in their local districts.

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- Technical education, workforce training, ACE, entrepreneurship and other important economic development initiatives are funded in part through the Grow Iowa Values Fund, RIIF, and other sources. We now ask that a sustainable source of funding be identified and dedicated to the continued support of these important programs.
- The community colleges are asking that the technology instructional equipment purchase program be reinstated with an appropriation of \$3 Million for the 2006 fiscal year.

If any of you would like additional information, please feel free to contact my office.
Thanks to each of you for your time and consideration.

GG:jm

Attachments